

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 32

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Jerry E. Pace of Chattanooga on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Jerry E. Pace of Chattanooga, who has served expertly for forty years with the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency, has recently taken a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, serving as Director of Development Services since 1999, Jerry E. Pace began his illustrious career with the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency in 1966 within the Graphic and Design Department; and

WHEREAS, as Director of the Graphic and Design Department from 1966 to 1986, Mr. Pace was responsible for coordinating all graphic and design requests from the agency staff for reports, studies, and public presentations, as well as supervising the departmental staff; and

WHEREAS, named Senior Planner in 1987, Jerry Pace used his considerable talents for organization and planning as Lead Planner for both the Eastdale Neighborhood Plan and the Farris Road/Gunbarrel Road Land Use Plan during his tenure, as well as serving on the planning teams for the East Brainerd Plan, Northriver Plan, Wolftever Land Use Plan, Lookout Valley Land Use Plan, and numerous other major land use plans and zoning studies; and

WHEREAS, accepting the post of Director of Development Services in 1999, which he held until his retirement, Mr. Pace was responsible for overseeing an office staff of eight in the processing of zoning requests for Hamilton County and municipalities within its borders, including the City of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pace's extensive duties also included making recommendations to the Planning Commission; acting as liaison for the agency to the local governments of Hamilton

County, Chattanooga, and Soddy Daisy; organizing and facilitating meetings between developers, architects, and engineers and the staff of the agency, along with local government employees and elected officials on proposed or existing developments; organizing and facilitating neighborhood and community meetings to discuss long-range land use, zoning, community plans, and concerns regarding proposed changes; and serving as Staff Planner for the City of Soddy-Daisy, reviewing all subdivision plats and zoning requests for the community; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Jerry E. Pace has attended accelerated classes in Urban Planning at Georgia Tech and numerous national and local seminars and conferences conducted by the American Planning Association in addition to Team Building and Planning retreats conducted by the Regional Planning Agency; and

WHEREAS, prior to his forty-years of distinguished service with the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency, Jerry Pace served as a Graphic Designer with the Tennessee State Planning Office and the Tennessee Highway Department from 1963 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, during his time with state government Jerry E. Pace worked with state engineers and attorneys on the development and construction of right-of-way (land acquisition) purchase for I-75, I-24, and I-40 in East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Pace has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and supervisors; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we pause to honor this outstanding professional for his years of dedication and service to the people of Chattanooga and Hamilton County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jerry E. Pace for his forty years of exemplary service to the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency and to the people of Tennessee as we extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.